

good old age. In the year 1414 he served the office of Sheriff, and was three times Lord Mayor of London. In the last year of his Mayoralty just after the conquest of France, he entertained King Henry the V. and his Queen, when his Majesty was heard to say, "Never King had such a subject;" which being told to Mr. Whittington, he replied, "Never had subject such a King." And his Majesty, before he left the city in consideration of Mr. Whittington's great merit, conferred the honour of Knighthood on him.

Sir Richard, many years before his death, constantly fed great numbers of the poor. He built a church and a college to it, with an yearly allowance for poor scholars, and near it erected an hospital. He built Newgate for criminals, and gave liberally to St. Bartholomew's hospital, and to other public charities.

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